

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 are amended.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 18 and 33 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-7, 9, 11, 13-17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28 and 31.

Claims 1, 19, 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Pollitt, U.S. Patent No. 5,198,991, and claims 8, 22, 25 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Pollitt in view of Leman, U.S. Patent No. 6,266,234. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Pollitt and Leman fail to disclose or suggest an input device that includes a foldable flexible display rotatably attached to one edge of a first or second keyboard unit in order to rotate relative to a second axis, the display being openable relative to a support point in correspondence with a horizontally arranged state of the first and second keyboard units and foldable relative to the support point in correspondence with the folded state of the first and second keyboard units, as recited in claim 1 and as similarly recited in claim 8.

Pollit discloses a personal computer 10 with a clamshell enclosure 11 having first and second housings 12, 14 joined for pivotal movement thereof about an elongate housing axis (col. 3, lines 29-36). As illustrated in Fig. 2, the first housing 12 includes a display 71 and the second housing 14 includes a keyboard assembly 90.

Although Pollit may disclose a display 71 that is rotatably attached to one edge of the keyboard assembly 90 in order to rotate relative to an elongate housing axis (second axis), Pollit fails to provide any disclosure with regard to the display 71 being openable or foldable relative to another point, i.e., a support point as recited in claims 1 and 8. Pollit thus fails to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in claims 1 and 8.

Leman fails to overcome the deficiencies of Pollit because Lemman also fails to disclose the support point as recited in claims 1 and 8. Lemman discloses a computer 20 with a display 21 connected to, and pivoted relative to, a keyboard 22 via a pivot joint 23 (col. 3, lines 50-63). Lemman fails to provide any disclosure with regard to the display 21 being openable or foldable relative to another point, i.e., a support point as recited in claims 1 and 8.

It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

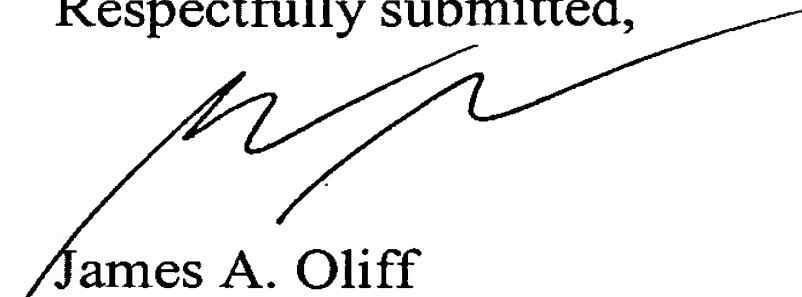
Claims 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Pollitt in view of Noguchi et al. ("Noguchi"), U.S. Patent No. 4,341,980, claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Pollitt, and claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Pollitt in view of Coulon et al. ("Coulon"), U.S. Patent No. 5,712,760. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Noguchi and Coulon fail to overcome the deficiencies of Pollitt and Lemman in disclosing or suggesting an input device that includes a foldable flexible display rotatably attached to one edge of a first or second keyboard unit in order to rotate relative to a second axis, the display being openable relative to a support point in correspondence with a horizontally arranged state of the first and second keyboard units and foldable relative to the support point in correspondence with the folded state of the first and second keyboard units, as recited in claim 1 and as similarly recited in claim 8. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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